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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

|  | Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Amendment.  |       |                                       |                                       |                    |              |                        |                            |              |   |
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|  | Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.   |       |                                       |                                       |                    |              |                        |                            |              |   |
|  | Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR1.27.  |       |                                       |                                       |                    |              | RECEIVED               |                            |              |   |
|  | Petition for amonth extension of time.   |       |                                       |                                       |                    |              | FEB 2 0 2004           |                            |              |   |
|  | No additional fee is required.   |       |                                       |                                       |                    |              | Technology Center 2100 |                            |              |   |
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|  | Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  |       |                                       |                                       |                    |              |                        |                            |              |   |
|  | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.   |       |                                       |                                       |                    |              |                        |                            |              |   |
|  | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |       |                                       |                                       |                    |              |                        |                            |              |   |
| $\boxtimes$  | I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.   |       |                                       |                                       |                    |              |                        |                            |              |   |
| Respectfully submitted,  |  |       |                                       |                                       |                    |              |                        |                            |              |   |
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